

**Listing of the Claims:**

The following is a complete listing of all the claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

1.-12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended) A method for reducing TSNAs in air cured tobacco, comprising the step of:

air curing genetically engineered ~~engineering~~ said tobacco which includes ~~to include~~ at least one gene in a vitamin C biosynthetic pathway and produces increased endogenous levels of vitamin C, and, wherein said ~~step of~~ genetically engineered said ~~engineered~~ tobacco has ~~results in~~ reduced levels of TSNAs in said tobacco upon completing said air curing step.

14. (Currently amended) The ~~plant~~ method of claim 13, wherein said tobacco includes more than one copy of said gene.

15. (Currently amended) The ~~plant~~ method of claim 13, wherein said tobacco further includes a means for enhancing ~~to enhance~~ transcription of said gene or genes.

16. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein said pathway includes a *myo*-inositol oxygenase enzyme.

17. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 13, wherein said pathway includes a L-gulono-*gamma*-lactone oxidase enzyme.

18. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 13, wherein said at least one gene is rodent L-gulono-*gamma*-lactone oxidase enzyme.

19. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein said at least one gene encodes a *myo*-inositol oxygenase enzyme.

20.-23. (Canceled)